REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	29 June 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Ingegerd Margareta Watkins
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Velvet November '97
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Super Comix (Pty) Ltd
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	Australia
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature: Not Applicable Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

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Either

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That where the publication is publicly displayed in a package, the package must be made of opaque material

Or

That when the publication is on public display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication; or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in premises, or a part of premises, set aside for the public display of restricted publications (whether or not articles other than restricted publications are also displayed in those premises or that part of those premises).

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Velvet November '97* is classified as:
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This magazine includes photographs, which are full body depictions of females in sexual poses, often splaying their labia or about to engage in sexual activity, and which reduce the females concerned to sexual objects for male gratification. There is text where sexual activity is described in crude and mechanistic terms. The text and photographs therefore degrade, dehumanise and demean female participants to a mild degree. However, given the degrading, dehumanising, demeaning and sexually explicit content described above, the availability of the publication is considered clikely to be injurious to the public good unless the publication is restricted to an adult audience.

Consideration has been given to the applicability of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The limitation on the freedom of expression resulting from this classification is

considered to be reasonable and demonstrably justifiable given the characteristics of the magazine.

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